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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SCUL, PINT, SA  
SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF BRITISH AUTHOR TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. ROBERT LACEY IS A WELL-KNOWN BRITISH JOURNALIST AND WRITER. HE IS THE AUTHOR OF "MAJESTY," A BIOGRAPHY OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II WHICH WAS A BEST-SELLER IN THE UK AND THE US IN 1977. LACEY'S CURRENT PROJECT IS AN "AUTHORIZED" HISTORY OF THE ROYAL HOUSE OF SAUD, AND IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WORK, HE PLANS A PRELIMINARY VISIT TO RIYADH BEGINNING JUNE 30TH.

2. LACEY (WHO IS A PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE OF A LONDON EMBOFF) HAS SAID HE WOULD WELCOME AN INTRODUCTION TO

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AN APPROPRIATE OFFICER AT USLO RIYADH (AND, EVENTUALLY, AT EMBASSY JIDDA) WITH WHOM HE MIGHT INFORMALLY EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND IMPRESSIONS.

3. IF RIYADH IS WILLING TO MEET WITH LACEY, WE BELIEVE YOU WILL FIND HIM KNOWLEDGEABLE, DISCREET, WILLING TO RESPECT ANY GROUND RULES ON ATTRIBUTION, AND AN  
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ENJOYABLE CONTACT. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT SOURCES LACEY HAS DEVELOPED ON HIS OWN, BUT HE MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO ADD TO THE CORPUS OF USG KNOWLEDGE ON THE HOUSE OF SAUD.

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